

Access to Recovery in Los Angeles County

Fact Sheet

On August 3, 2004, President Bush announced that grant awards were made to the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs and the California Rural Indian Health Board as part of the national *Access to Recovery* initiative. A total of \$100 million was awarded to 14 states and one tribal organization. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the federal Department of Health and Human Services administers the grant program.

The national *Access to Recovery* grant program establishes a State-run voucher program for substance abuse clinical treatment and recovery support services. The initiative is built upon the principles of Consumer Choice, Outcome Oriented Services, and Increased System Capacity.

The California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs was awarded \$7.6 million per year for each of three years. The State program will address the most critical treatment need in California – services for substance abusing youth between 12 and 20 years of age. The program will target Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, and San Francisco.

The California Rural Indian Health Board was awarded \$5.7 million per year for each of three years. This coalition of California tribes, tribal and urban Indian health professionals, and substance abuse clinical treatment and recovery support service providers is seeking to provide every American Indian and Alaska Native in California with a substance abuse problem access to treatment opportunities that will foster recovery.

Interested parties should monitor this website and those of the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (www.adp.cahwnet.gov) and the California Rural Indian Health Board (www.crihb.org) for the latest information on implementation of *Access to Recovery* services in Los Angeles County.

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